IDBI Loan for Small Scale Units

*415. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 96 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd August, 1988 and state:

(a) how small scale units under recently introduced 'single window scheme' of IDBI for financing fixed assets and working capital for tiny and small scale industrial units with project cost not exceeding Rs. 5 lakhs could avail 'National Equity Fund' also introduced by IDBI in August 1987;

(b) whether such instructions have been sent to the State Financial Corporation for implementation of 'single window scheme' of IDBI; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what alternative remedial measures IDBI propose for entrepreneurs for availing financial assistance from National Equity Fund along with the recent IDBI introduced 'single window scheme'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALIERO) : (a) to (c) National Equity Fund Scheme has been introduced for providing equity type of support to entrepreneurs for new projects and rehabilitation of viable sick units in the tiny and small scale sector.

The Single Window Scheme, on the other hand, has been introduced to permit State Financial Corporations (SFCs) and twin function State Industrial Development Corporations (SIDCs), which are term lending institutions, to also disburse working capital to new tiny and small scale units upto Rs. 2.5 lakhs where the project cost does not exceed Rs. 5 lakhs. For providing equity type support to their eligible entrepreneurs, SFCs/twin function SIDCs are already operating Special Capital Scheme and Seed Capital Scheme of IDBI.

For areas where National Equity Fund Scheme has been extended for operation through SFCs/twin function SIDCs that is the North Eastern Region, Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh, units financed by SFCs/twin function SIDCs under the Single Window Scheme could, as an option to Special Capital Scheme/Seed Capital Scheme, seek equity type support as per eligibility under the National Equity Fund Scheme.

Smuggling of Raw Hides and Skins of Cattle to Bangladesh and Nepal

*416. SHRI HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government are aware that raw hides and skins of cattle are being smuggled on a large scale to the neighbouring countries of Bangladesh and Nepal; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to control such activity ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA) : (a) Available reports do not indicate smuggling of raw hides and skins of cattle to the neighbouring countries of Bangladesh and Nepal on any significant scale.

(b) The anti-smuggling drive has been intensified and the anti-smuggling machinery throughout the country including that on the Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bangladesh borders has been geared up. Close co-ordination is being maintained with all the agencies concerned (including B.S.F.) in detection and prevention of smuggling.

Situation in Kashmir

*417. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the situation in several parts of Kashmir is tense and pro-Pakistan demonstrations were held recently as news of Gen. Zia's death spread ;